

## **SACBC STATEMENT**

### **ON**

### **MURDEROUS DURBAN BLAST (4/4/84)**

The car bomb explosion in Durban on the morning of April 3, 1984 was probably another protest against apartheid. It was a murderous blast that in terms of time and place implied the intention to kill and injure, as well as to damage property. Three were killed, many injured.

We deplore the violent deaths and the suffering caused as well as the damage done. We express our sympathy to the bereaved and to those who have suffered financial loss.

To those who consider the indiscriminate planting of deadly bombs as the only way they can effectively oppose the evils of apartheid, we appeal to reassess their horrifying strategy. It has caused, and if persisted in will continue to cause, indescribable suffering and the intensification of a spirit of hatred and revenge.

The struggle against apartheid is a worthy struggle, a struggle for justice and human dignity, in the face of humiliation, privation, social and domestic disruption, grinding poverty, ill-health, infant and child mortality and other forms of early death that are the consequences of apartheid. But the bomb does not help. The best causes and the noblest purposes are comprised by shameful means.

May God grant us all wisdom and courage to discover and pursue a vigorous, non-violent process of social change.